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Agreed on by a

COMMITTEE

Of the

Lords and Commons for the Committee for Sequestration of Delinquents estates.

Also

An Order of the Commons Assembled in Parliament, concerning persons that shall come from *Oxford* or any part of the KINGS army to *London*, without warrant from both Houses of Parliament, or from his Excellencie the Earle of Essex, shall be apprehended as Spyes, and proceeded against according to the rules of Warre.

Ordered by the Commons Assembled in Parliament, That this be forthwith Printed and published.

Hen: Elsynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for *Edw. Husbands*, and are to be sold at his shop in the middle Temple. Aprill 11. 1643.

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Instructions for the Committee for Sequestration of Delinquents Estates.

1. YOu are to use your best care and diligence for the speedy execution of the Ordinance here with sent you for Sequestration of Delinquents Estates, as being a matter of great necessity and importance, for the subsistance of the Army raised by the Parliment, and great affairs of the Commonwealth.

2. You are to cause the same Ordinance, and the other Order for restraining of the Tenants and others from paying their Rents, and other dues to the said Delinquents, to be forthwith published in all Markets, and other convenient places within your severall Counties and Divisions.

3. You are to meet, and divide your selves into severall limits, and to appoint some times and places of further meeting as shalbe most convenient, & to call before you or any two or more of you at such meetings, all such Officers & other persons as you shall think fit, and give them in charge the effect of the said Ordinance, and thereby, and by all good wayes and means to enquire and inform your selves of all the particulars therein contained; and where you finde any doubt concerning any person, whether he be comprehended within the said Ordinance,

you are to certifie the same to the Committee of Lords and Commons for this service, and in the mean time to secure the Estates of such persons, untill you shall receive further Directions.

4. Where (after these words in the Ordinance, Such as have voluntarily contributed, or shall voluntarily contribute) these words do follow, viz. Not being under the power of any part of the Kings Army at the time of such contributing; you are not to understand those latter words of such as have willingly drawn, or consented to the drawing in of any such power, or have willingly submitted themselves thereunto.

5. You are to call before you the severall Tenants, and others persons by whom any Rents, summs of money, debts, or other duties are owing to the said Delinquents or any of them, and set them a day for payment thereof, and to such Tenants as shall willingly yeeld conformity to the said Ordinance, you shall abate so much of their rack Rents where the lands are set at an improved value, and not otherwise, as you shall think fit, according to their severall conditions and necessities, not exceeding a fourth part of such improved Rents.

6. You are to seize two parts of the estates both reall and personall, of all papists (as they are papists) and the whole estates of all other sorts of Delinquents mentioned in the sayd Ordinance, whether they be Papists or others, and you are to understand by two parts of Papists estates, two of their whole Lands, and two of their Goods and personall estate in three to be divided.

7. Upon the seizure of the Goods, Chattells, or personall estates of any the sayd Delinquents, you are to cause an appraisement therof to be made by indifferent persons

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and a true Inventory thereof to be taken, and to convey the ſame Goods into ſome ſafe place, or places within the County or elſewhere, there to be kept untill they may conveniently be ſold; and you are to ſell the ſame or cauſe them to be ſold at as great Rates as you can, with all convenient expedition, and in the Market where conveniently it may be.

8. You have power to let all or any the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of any the ſayd Delinquents, from yeer to yeer, to ſuch Tenants as you ſhall think fit, and for ſuch reaſonable Rents as you can get, unleſſe you can otherwiſe employ the ſame to better advantages.

9. You are to appoint Collectors for the receiving of all Rents, profits, ſums of money, debts, and other duties due or owing to the ſayd Delinquents, or any of them, allotting the eſtate of any one or more of the ſayd Delinquents, to the charge of one or more Collector or Collectors, as ſhall be moſt convenient; and the ſayd Collectors are to ſend up the ſums by them collected, together with a ſchedule of their receipts and payments, (keeping a duplicate thereof) to the Treaſurers which ſhall be appointed by both Houſes for that ſervice, wherein the ſayd Collectors, or ſuch as they ſhall ſend up the money by, are firſt to attend the ſayd Committee of Lords and Commons for their directions herein, and to be very carefull in the ſafe conveying of the ſayd money.

10. Every Collector is to have ſuch allowance for his pains and charges as you ſhall think fit, not exceeding three pence in every pound; and every one that ſhall be appointed a Solicitor by the ſaid Lords and Commons to ſee this Ordinance put in execution, is to have for his charges and pains therein, ſix pence in every pound, and every

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other person which shall be necessarily employed in or about the sayd service, is to have such allowances, as you or any two of you or more shall think fit, and your selves are to be allowed such recompence for your charge and pains in this service, as shall be approved of by the Committee of Lords and Commons.

11. You are to keep books and Registers of all such monys, receipts, profits, and other parts of the sayd Delinquents estates as shall come to your hands, and of all your receipts & payments, and to be accomptable for the same to both Houses of Parliament, or such as they shall appoint.

12. You are to take care for the safe keeping of the Deeds, Evidences, and Writings of the sayd Delinquents, and for preserving of their Houses, Timber-trees and Fruit-trees from waste and destruction.

13. In all other particulars concerning this businesse, you are to be guided and directed by the sayd Ordinance, wherein you shall conceive any doubt, you are to certifie the same to the Committee of Lords and Commons for this service, whereupon you shall receive such further direction in that behalfe, as shall be fit.

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Die Lunæ 10. *April*, 1643.

IT is this day Ordered by the Commons Assembled in Parliament, That whatsoever person shall come from Oxford, or any part of the Kings Army to London, or any parts adjacent, or to any other part of the Army under the command of the Earle of Essex, or to any Fort or Court of Guard, kept by the authority of both Houses of Parliament, without the warrant of both Houses of Parliament, or of the Lord Generall the Earl of Essex; Shall apprehen-

prehended as ſpies and intelligencers, and be proceeded againſt according to the rules and grounds of War. And it is further Ordered, that the like care be taken by Water, for the apprehending of the perſons aforeſayd; And all Captains of Guards and Officers, and all other perſons are required, to be very diligent in apprehending the ſayd perſons. And it is further Ordered, That this Order be printed and publiſhed and ſent to the ſeverall Courts of Guard both by water and Land.

H: Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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